

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-61-1 Building Date: 1905

Building Name: Jeremiah Hawkins House

Location: 4114 Webster Street, North Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Jeremiah Hawkins House is a two-story front-gabled frame dwelling. Entrance is in the first bay of the two-bay south gable front. This facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch which wraps around and shelters the west side elevation. The porch is supported by bracketed posts. The original wide board siding is now covered with narrow beige synthetic siding; trim is brown, and the gable roof is covered with lighter brown asbestos shingle. Originally the porch posts had much more elaborate openwork jigsaw brackets, and each window was fitted with louvered shutters. There are no shutters today.

Significance

The Jeremiah Hawkins House is an important component of the black community of North Brentwood; it is representative of the front-gabled frame dwellings built in the developing suburbs of the early twentieth century. It was built in 1905 for the family of Jeremiah Hawkins. Hawkins and his wife were to have an important influence on the history and development of North Brentwood. Hawkins, who was born in 1862 in the rural Brandywine district of Prince George's County, took an early interest in politics, and in 1887 began serving as a delegate to the county conventions of the Republican party. In 1889 he served as one of four county delegates on the Republican State Central Committee. In June 1903, Jeremiah Hawkins married Emma F. Quander and they moved to Randalltown (North Brentwood) in 1905. They established and operated a small dairy farm on the land adjoining their house. In 1911 Jeremiah Hawkins became chairman of the Brentwood Colored Citizens Association and served until 1922; it was largely through his efforts that the community progressed towards incorporation in 1924. At that time, Jeremiah Hawkins was elected the first Mayor of the new municipality of North Brentwood. The Hawkins House, although substantially altered, is representative of the front-gabled house form; its greater significance, however, lies in its association with Jeremiah and Emma Hawkins.

Acreage: 7,500 Square feet

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jeremiah Hawkins House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4114 Webster Street ☐ not for publication

city, town North Brentwood ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jack Wagner

street & number 4909 46th Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code MD 20781

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4175

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 330

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1905	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jeremiah Hawkins House is an important component in the black community of North Brentwood; it is representative of the front-gabled frame dwellings built in the developing suburbs of the early twentieth century. In 1905, Jeremiah Hawkins and his wife purchased several lots at the southeast corner of the North Brentwood community. They had the subject house built on one of the lots (Lot 5 of Block 11 of the Holladay Company subdivision), and settled into the life of the community. Both were to have an important influence on the history and development of North Brentwood.

Jeremiah Hawkins was born in 1862 in the Brandywine district of Prince George's County; he was educated in the black schools of this rural region, and had worked as a field laborer on his father's farm. Hawkins took an early interest in politics, and in 1887 began serving as a delegate to the county conventions of the Republican party. In 1889 he served as one of four county delegates on the Republican State Central Committee. In June 1903, Jeremiah Hawkins married Emma F. Quander of Cheltenham (Prince George's County), and in 1905 they purchased several lots in the new community of Randalltown (North Brentwood). They established and operated a small dairy farm on the land adjoining their house just west of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks. Jeremiah Hawkins entered into local politics and activities, and both he and his wife became active in the real estate opportunities of the Holladay Company. In 1911 Jeremiah Hawkins became chairman of the Brentwood Colored Citizens Association and served until 1922; it was largely through his efforts that the community progressed towards incorporation in 1924. At that time, Jeremiah Hawkins was elected the first Mayor of the new municipality of North Brentwood.

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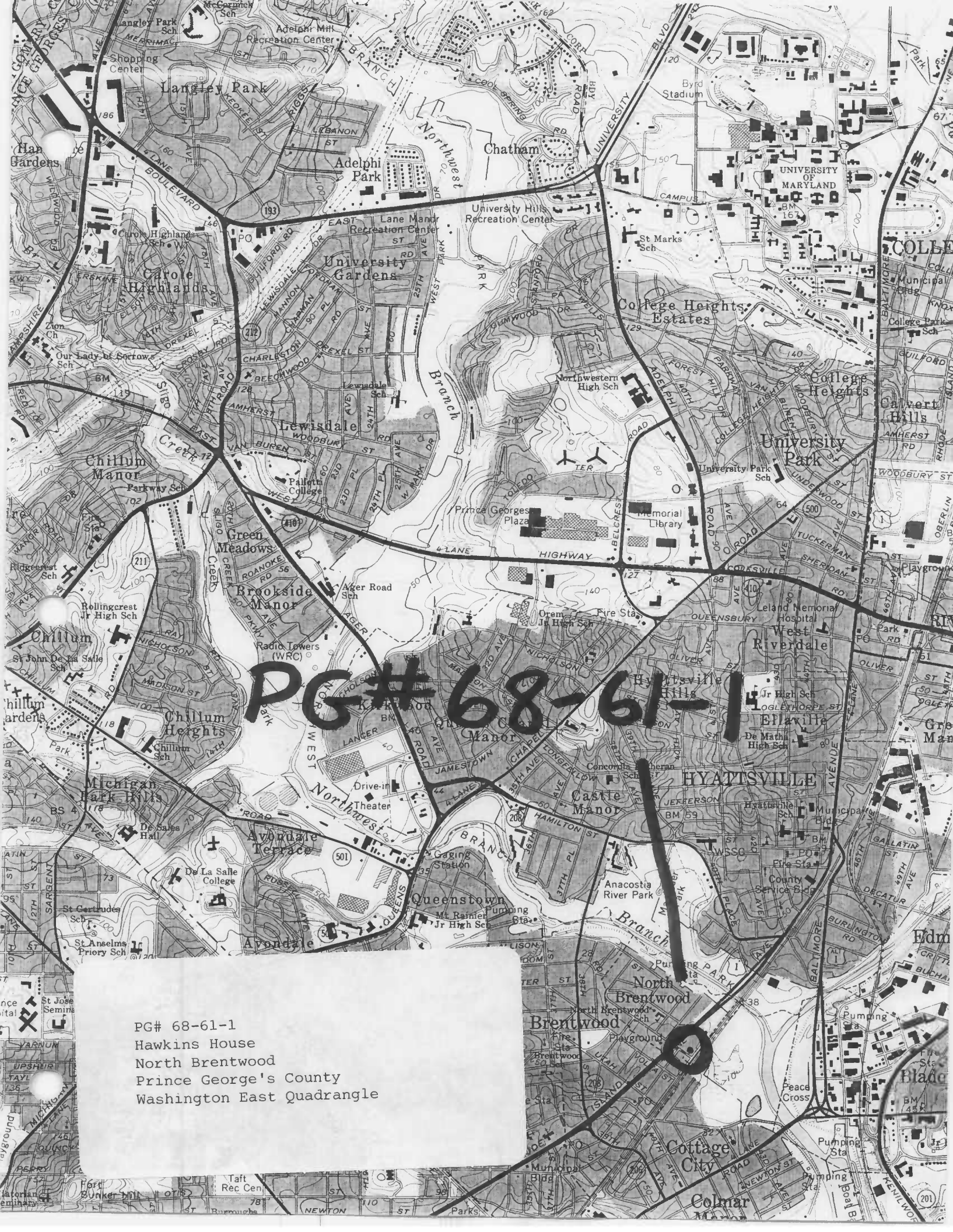
## 10. Geographical Data

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**11. Form Prepared By**

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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Hawkins House  
North Brentwood  
Prince George's County  
Washington East Quadrangle



Jerome's Hawthorn's House

4114 Webster Street, Perth  
Bentwood, P.A. Co.

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March 1991

Southwest 3/4 section

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North Brentwood, D.C. Co.  
Susan L. Pearl, 1991  
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